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In accordance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(a)-(d), Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which were cited in an official action dated October 21, 2003 in a corresponding Japanese patent application and are listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Copies of the references are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-4**.

1. Japanese Publication No. 2-212149 (**Exhibit 1**);
2. Japanese Publication No. 5-323680 (**Exhibit 2**);
3. Japanese Publication No. 6-118726 (**Exhibit 3**); and
4. Japanese Publication No. 7-205420 (**Exhibit 4**).

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Applicants also submit herewith as **Exhibit B** a copy of the October 21, 2003 Japanese-language official action and an English-language translation thereof, in connection with corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 215765.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1), after the mailing date of a first Office Action, but before a Final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. Applicants certify, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. The date of mailing of the official action is October 21, 2003, and therefore this Information Disclosure Statement is timely filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1).


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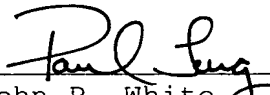
If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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